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FOR THE YEAR 1940

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Annual Report for 1940.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
TOWN HALL,
ALTRINCHAM.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Altrincham.

Your Worship and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the fourth Annual Report of the Municipal Borough of Altrincham dealing with the Health of the Borough for the year 1940.

The information to be given (with the exception of those items for which full particulars are requested) should be limited to a record of alterations, improvements or developments which have taken place during the year.

SECTION A.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

1. General Statistics.

Area	3,519 acres
Population (Registrar General's Estimate)	39,070
Number of Inhabited Houses (per Rate Books, end of 1940)	11,307
Rateable Value (at 31st December, 1940)	£304,362
Sum represented by a penny rate £.	£1,214

The number of Inhabited Houses takes no account of those houses rendered temporarily or permanently uninhabited as a result of enemy action.

Altrincham is situated in the northern part of Cheshire 8 miles due south from the centre of Manchester. It is the centre of an area rapidly growing in population and is the shopping centre of this area. A public market is held on two days of the week, Tuesday and Saturday.

During 1940 all skilled labour in the heavy engineering industry has been fully engaged.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS.

The number of births registered in and allocated to the Borough of Altrincham in 1940 is 537.

Live Births	537 (M. 255, F. 282)
Still Births	21 (M. 10, F. 11)
Legitimate Births	524 (M. 251, F. 273)
Illegitimate Births	13 (M. 4 F. 9)

STILL BIRTHS.

Legimate Births	20 (M. 10, F. 10)
Illegitimate Births	1 (M. 0, F. 1)

representing a Live Birth Rate of 13.7 per 1,000 of the population and a Still Birth Rate of 0.53 per 1,000 of the population.

The illegitimate Live Births number 13, a percentage of 2.4 of the total.

The Birth Rate in the Borough of Altrincham has dropped from 15.2 in 1939 to 13.7 in 1940.

DEATHS.

The total number of Deaths corrected for Outward and Inward transfers is 474, (M. 254, F. 220). The Crude Death Rate per 1,000 of the population is 12.1, based on a population of 39,070 Comparable Death Rate per 1,000 of the population (i.e. crude death rate x Areal Comparability Factor 1.06) 12.8

The number of deaths of infants under one year of age is 30 (M. 15, F. 15) being an Infantile Mortality Rate of 55.

23 of the Infantile Deaths are attributed to Congenital Debility, Premature Birth, Malformation, etc., (M. 11, F. 12).

1 Infantile Death (M. 0, F. 1.) was illegitimate representing an illegitimate infantile mortality of 33 per 1,000 illegitimate births.

Birth Rates, Death Rates and Infantile Mortality Rates, shewing comparison between Altrincham and other areas.

Area.	Birth Rate per 1,000 of population. Live Births	Still Births	Annual Death Rate per 1,000 of population	Infantile Mortality Rate.
England and Wales	14.6	0.55	14.3	55
126 County Boroughs and Great Towns.	16.0	0.64	15.8	61
148 Smaller Towns, 25,000 to 50,000 population	15.7	0.55	12.8	54
Altrincham 1939	15.2	0.65	12.0	38
Altrincham 1940	13.7	0.53	12.8	55

CLASSIFIED CAUSES OF DEATH.

Typhoid and Paratyphoid	0	....	(M. 0, F. 0)
Cerebro-spinal Fever	1	....	(M. 1, F. 0)
Scarlet Fever	0	....	(M. 0, F. 0)
Whooping Cough	0	....	(M. 0, F. 0)
Diphtheria	2	....	(M. 1, F. 1)
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	20	....	(M. 14, F. 6)
Other forms of Tuberculosis....	4	....	(M. 3, F. 1)
Syphilitic Disease	1	....	(M. 0, F. 1)
Influenza	9	....	(M. 5 F. 4)
Measles	0	....	(M. 0, F. 0)
Acute Poliomyelitis	0	....	(M. 0, F. 0)
Encephalitis	1	....	(M. 1, F. 0)
Cancer of Mouth and Oesophagus	0	....	(M. 0, F. 0)
Cancer of Uterus	2	....	(M. 0, F. 2)
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	10	....	(M. 7, F. 3)
Cancer of Breast	6	....	(M. 0, F. 6)
Cancer of all other sites	31	....	(M. 19, F. 12)
Diabetis	2	....	(M. 2, F. 0)
Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions	44	....	(M. 16, F. 28)
Heart Disease	108	....	(M. 61, F. 47)

Other Diseases of Circulatory System	15	....	(M. 7, F. 8)
Bronchitis,	46	....	(M. 24, F. 22)
Pneumonia	25	....	(M. 10, F. 15)
Other Respiratory Diseases	6	....	(M. 3, F. 3)
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	4	....	(M. 3, F. 1)
Diarrhoea under 2 years of age	2	....	(M. 2 F. 0)
Appendicitis	2	....	(M. 1, F. 1)
Other Digestion Diseases	15	....	(M. 8 F. 7)
Nephritis	15	....	(M. 10, F. 5)
Puerperal Fever and Post Abortion Sepsis	0	....	(F. 0)
Other Maternal Causes	1	....	(F. 1)
Premature Birth	7	....	(M. 4, F. 3)
Congenital Malformation Birth Injuries, etc.,	16	....	(M. 7, F. 9)
Suicide	3	....	(M. 1, F. 2)
Road Traffic Accidents	8	....	(M. 5, F. 3)
Other Violent Causes	9	....	(M. 4, F. 5)
All other causes	59	....	(M. 35, F. 24)

Extract from Vital Statistics of 1940.

Live Births .... 537 (M. 255, F. 282)
(Legitimate) .... 524 (M. 251, F. 273)
(Illegitimate) .... 13 (M. 4, F. 9)
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 of the population 13.7
Still Births .... 21 (M. 10, F. 11)
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 of the population 0.53
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 (Live and Still) Births 39.0.
Deaths .... 474 (M. 254, F. 220)
Death Rate per 1,000 of population muliplied by Areal Comparability Factor (1.06) is 12.8.

DEATHS.

Puerperal Sepsis 0
Other Maternal Causes.... 1
Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age :—
All Infants per 1,000 Births 55
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births.... 52
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate births 33
Deaths from Cancer (all ages) 49
,, ,, Measles (all ages) 0
,, ,, Whooping Cough (all ages) 0
,, ,, Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) 2

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

1. (a) Laboratory Facilities.

No change has taken place in the services under this heading.

During 1940, 207 specimens were reported on by the Department of Bacteriology and Preventive Medicine of the University of Manchester.

190 Throat and Nose Swabs were examined for Diphtheria, of which 15 were positive.

3 Agglutination Tests for Typhoid Fever.

2 Sputum Tests for Human Tuberculosis.

7 Tests for Haemolyic Streptococci.

2 Swabs Cultivation Tests.

2 Samples of faeces for Typhoid, etc.

1 Sample of Cerebro Spinal Fever.

During 1940, 136 specimens of sputum were bacteriologically examined for Tubercle Bacilli by the Public Health Laboratory of the County of Chester. 23 of these were positive.

(b) Ambulances Facilities.

There have been no changes during 1940.

(c) Nursing in the Home.

There have been no changes.

(d) Treatment Centres and Clinics including Clinics solely for Diagnosis or Consultation.

There are two Child Welfare Centres.

1. Mountlands Welfare Centre.
   3 sessions have been held each week, one on Mondays and 2 on Wednesdays.
   1 Ante-natal Clinic is held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in each month.
   1 Post-natal Clinic is held on the 3rd Tuesday in each month.

2. Park Road Welfare Centre, Homestead, Timperley.
   4 sessions are held each week, two on Tuesdays and 2 on Thursdays.

Medical consultations during 1940 were as follows :—

	Under one year of age.	Over one year of age
Mountlands Welfare Centre—659 (M. 367, F. 292)	389	270
Park Road Welfare Centre—730. (M. 408, F. 322)	410	320
Total—1389. (M. 775, F. 614)	799	590

Ante-Natal Clinic.

The number of examinations at the Clinic was 295, 133 expectant mothers attended.

(e) Hospitals—Public and Voluntary.

There has been no change.

(f) Immunisation Clinic.

During 1940 the number of children immunised at a monthly clinic or by private practitioners were :—

	Under 5 years	5 years and over
At the Clinics	97	39
By private practitioners	12	12
	109	51

2. Maternity and Child Welfare.

(I) Midwifery and Maternity Services.

It it now expected that all pregnant women, not under the care of a medical practitioner, shall attend, accompanied by the midwife of their choice, at the Ante-Natal Clinic.

(II) Institutional Provision for Mothers or Children.

None.

(III) Health Visitors.

No change.

(IV) Child Life Protection.

No change.

(V) Arrangements for Dental, Orthopaedic, etc., cases.

An Orthopaedic Clinic is held each week at the Altrincham General Hospital under the charge of a specialist in Orthopaedics. This Clinic is of inestimable value to the Borough, and the Local Authority is a subscriber to its funds.

Dental Treatment can now be obtained for expectant and nursing mothers and children under 5 years of age in families where the net income would allow of rate-aided milk free of cost.

Home Helps.

A Voluntary organisation exists in the Borough and the Corporation gives a donation to its funds.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1940.

To the Chairman and Members of the Committee.
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report of the work of this department from January 1st to December 31st, 1940.

Number of live births notified	505
Number of stillbirths notified	16
Total notified	**521**
Total notified during 1939	**600**

VISITS BY SENIOR HEALTH VISITOR.

Number of first visits to Infants under 1 year	243
Number of subsequent visits to infants under 1 year	914
Total visits to children 1 to 5 years	1107
Number of first vists to expectant mothers....	54
Number of subsequent visits to expectant mothers....	74
Number of Infant Life Protection visits	46
Total visits	**2438**
Total visits during 1939	**2572**

VISITS BY SECOND HEALTH VISITOR.

Number of first visits to Infants under 1 year	228
Number of subsequent visits to Infants under 1 year	1096
Total visits to children 1 to 5 years....	1285
Number of first visits to expectant mothers....	23
Number of subsequent visits to expectant mothers....	49
Total visits	**2681**
Total visits during 1939	**2601**

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES.

THE MOUNTLANDS.

Number of children who attended for 1st time under 1 year	232
Total number of children weighed under 1 year	4789
Number who attended for the 1st time between 1 and 5 years	82
Total number weighed between 1 and 5 years	4085
Total number weighed	**8874**

There were **149** sessions held during the year, making an average attendance at each session of **59**.

Total number weighed during 1939—**8808**

Average attendance at each session **73** for 120 sessions.

ANTE-NATAL CLINIC.

This Clinic is held on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month.

Number of expectant mothers attending for first time 133

Total number of attendances 295

There were **24** sessions held during the year, making an average attendance of **12** per session.

Total number of attendances during 1939—**403**.

Average number per session **16** for **24** sessions.

POST-NATAL CLINIC.

This Clinic is held on the third Tuesday in each month.

Total number of attendances **62**.

Total 1939—**71**.

SEWING CLASS.

This class was opened **46** times during the year and was attended by **638** mothers, making an average of **14** per session.

Health talks are given at this class.

Number attending during 1939—**596**.

Average per session **18** for **32** sessions.

PARK ROAD CENTRE.

HOMESTEAD.

Number of children who attended for 1st time under 1 year	222
Total number of children weighed under 1 year	5168
Number who attended for 1st time between 1 and 5 years	95
Total number weighed between 1 and 5 years	4753
Total number weighed	**9921**

There were **200** sessions held during the year, making an average attendance at each session of **49**.

Total number weighed during 1939—**9573**.

There were **162** sessions held, making an average of **59** per session.

CHILDREN & YOUNG PERSONS' ACTS, 1908 & 1932.

Number of foster mothers on the register at the end of the year....	5
Number of children on the register at the end of the year	7
Number of cases removed from register	2
Number of new cases added to register	2
Total vists paid **46**	

Rate-aided milk was granted during the year in **433** cases.

All cases were free.

Number granted in 1939—**791** cases.

The National Milk Scheme came into operation in July 1940. Complete co-operation in this Scheme exists with the Welfare Centres.

IMMUNISATION CLINIC.

The above Clinic is now held on the first Saturday morning in each month at the Mountlands.

The number who were completely immunised at 31st December, 1940, was 108

Total 1939—**818**.

Owing to the war the social activities have been curtailed.

The Annual Picnics were as follows :—

Park Road Centre to Blackpool on Wednesday, 26th June, 1940.

The Mountlands to Blackpool on Thursday, 27th June, 1940.

All of which were much appreciated by the mothers.

I wish to express my appreciation of the work of the Voluntary Helpers at the Clinics and request that the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to them.

H. W. BARDSLEY,

Senior Health Visitor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1940.

Sanitary Department,
Town Hall,
Altrincham.
January, 1941.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Altrincham.

Your Worship and Gentlemen,

The Annual Report for the year 1940 is somewhat restricted in size, in view of the need for economy, and the conservation of paper.

The activities of the Sanitary Department have been somewhat changed during a year in which the country was involved in a major struggle.

Some notable alterations have been made due to the changed conditions, which have placed increased responsibilities upon the staff of the Sanitary Department.

The evacuation of women and children into the Borough did not take place to the same extent in 1940 as was the case in 1939.

The Salvage of Waste Materials became a matter of prime importance to the Nation, and the collection and sale of salvage was carried out through the Local Authorities. Of such vital importance was this subject regarded by the Minister of Supply, that in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by Regulation 54B of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, the Minister made an Order making it compulsory upon Local Authorities to collect certain articles from occupied premises. Personally, I wholeheartedly endorse the attitude of the Minister of Supply, and am of the opinion that had other Ministers of the Crown adopted a similar attitude, instead of leaving so much to the discretion of the individual, it would have resulted in a greater concerted effort by the Nation as a body, towards achieving that victory we are so anxious to attain.

The Ministry of Food by arrangement with the Corporation entered into possession as tenants of the Slaughterhouses, Moss Lane, Altrincham, in January, 1940. The area supplied from the Slaughterhouses comprised the Borough of Altrincham, Urban Districts of Hale, Lymm and Bowdon, and the Rural District of Bucklow. The number of animals which passed through the premises as compared with normal times increased enormously, and this placed a heavy strain upon the Sanitary Inspectors, who have inspected the carcases and organs, and advised the Ministry of Food by the issue of certificates of anything which was unfit for food.

Civil Defence Services have also occupied the attention of the Sanitary Department. The section which comes under the immediate control of the Department is the Decontamination of Roads, Buildings, Protective and Civilian Clothing. On the outbreak of war in September, 1939, this service was considered by the Ministry of Home Security to be of such importance as to necessitate the employment of whole-time personnel as standby Decontamination Squads, and the general public were urged to take precautions against the employment by the enemy of poison gas. On February 23rd, 1940, by order of the Ministry of Home Security Decontamination Personnel ceased to be a wholetime paid service of the civil defence organisation, and became part-time unpaid volunteers.

Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

On account of the necessity for salvaging waste materials as ordered by the Ministry of Supply, refuse from premises in the Borough except the centre of the town was only collected once in every fourteen days, and not every seven days as previously. The Corporation also drew the attention of occupiers of dwelling-houses to the necessity for excluding all Garden Refuse from Dustbins. The fortnightly collection commenced in July, 1940. All available transport was required for dealing with the salvage of waste materials, and the scavenging of the pail closets at the School Air Raid Shelters which are used by the general public.

The Refuse Collection Vehicles remain the same, namely :—

2 S. D. Freighters (7 cubic yards) 1930.
2 Leyland Waggons (8 cubic yards) 1932.
1 S. D. Freighter (10 cubic yards) 1936.
1 S. D. Freighter (11.3 cubic yards) 1939.

The cost of repairs will increase in 1941, on account of age of some of the vehicles, and provision must be made in the estimates to meet it.

Refuse Disposal.

The difficulty in obtaining suitable land for the disposal of refuse continues.

On August 6th, 1940, the Corporation decided that the pasture land running down to the river at the Sewage Disposal Works, Woodcote Farm, be handed over to the Public Health Committee for the purpose of disposal of refuse.

Salvage of Waste Materials.

The following materials have been recovered from refuse, or collected from premises in the Borough and sold :—

SALVAGE TABLE 1940.

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY.	MARCH	APRIL.	MAY.	JUNE.	JULY.
	T. Cwts.	T. Cwts.	T. Cwts.	T. Cwts.	T. Cwts.	T. Cwts.	T. Cwts.
Waste Paper.	5 — £12 10s. 0d.	— —	12 17 £31 13s. 9d.	11 4 £44 16s. 5d.	23 3 £98 0s. 5d.	21 — £78 6s. 3d.	42 4 £190 13s. 0d.
Ferrous Metals.	— —	— —	1 4 £2 8s. 0d.	1 — £2 0s. 0d.	1 5 £2 10s. 0d.	1 14 £3 8s. 0d.	15 4 £28 14s. 0d.
Non Ferrous Metals.	2 — 6s. 0d.	— —	2 1 £2 7s. 0d.	2 2 £2 17s. 6d.	4 1 £2 16s. 5d.	— 3 £2 15s. 0d.	2 13 £20 10s. 0d.
Textiles.	— —	— 11 £3 6s. 0d.	— 5 £1 10s. 0d.	— —	— —	— 12 £3 9s. 0d.	— 11 £2 4s. 0d.
Carpets.	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —
Bottles and Jars.	2 16 £8 8s. 0d.	1 11 £4 13s. 0d.	5 14 £17 2s. 0d.	2 16 £8 8s. 0d.	3 2 £9 6s. 0d.	2 2 £6 6s. 0d.	7 — £10 9s. 3d.
Milk Bottles.	—	640 13/4	—	725 15/1	—	700 14/7	—
Motor Tyres.	— —	— —	— 10 10/–	— —	— 9 8/6	— —	— —
Bones.	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— 4 15/4

SALVAGE TABLE 1940 (continued.)

	AUGUST.		SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER.		NOVEMBER.		DECEMBER.		TOTAL.			
	T.	Cwts.	T.	Cwts.	T.	Cwts.	T.	Cwts.	T.	Cwts.	Weight. T.	Weight. Cwts.	Value. £ s. d.	
Waste Paper.	56 £245 15s.	4 4d.	27 £110 1s.	11 3d.	29 £119 14s.	1 2d.	27 £113 6s.	12 8d.	20 £83 2s.	5 0d.	276	1	1127 19	3
Ferrous Metals	19 £ 34 5s.	14 7d.	2 £5 0s	— 8d.	9 £14 19s.	3 0d.	25 £8 3s.	4 10d.	— —		76	8	101 9	1
Non-Ferrous Metals	1 £26 3s.	— 5d.	1 £36 7s.	6 0d.	— £12 7s.	8 4d.	— £6 15s.	6 9d.	— £2 7s.	2 5d.	16	2	115 12	10
Textiles. Carpets.	— £2 4s. — 17s.	11 0d. 9	1 £5 12s. — —	8 0d.	1 £4 4s. — —	6 0d.	— £1 16s. — —	9 0d.	— £1 16s. — —	9 0d.	6 —	2 9	26 18	0
Bottles and Jars. Milk Bottles.	7 £11 4s. — 	10 3d.	6 £9 7s. — 	5 2d.	3 £5 2s. 824	8 0d. 17/2	3 £5 6s. — 	11 6d.	3 £5 8s. — 	12 0d.	49 2889 Milk Bottles.	7 *	101 0	2
Motor Tyres.	— 12s.	13 6d.	— —		— —		— 4s.	6 6d.	— —		1	18	1 15	6
Bones.	1 £3 8s.	— 5d.	— £3 6s.	19 0d.	1 £4 14s.	7 2d.	1 £4 1s.	3 7d.	— £2 6s.	13 3d.	5	6	18 11	9
											431	13	1493 6	7

* also 2889 bottles at £3 0s. 0d.

RECORD OF WORK EXECUTED 1940.

	Total
Roofs repaired or renewed	16
Chimney stacks repaired or renewed....	9
Gutters repaired or renewed	31
Rain water pipes repaired or renewed	1
External walls repaired or re-pointed	5
Internal wall plaster repaired or renewed	4
Damp proof courses provided....	9
Windows repaired or renewed	4
Doors repaired or renewed	8
Obstructed chimneys cleared	3
Sinks provided	1
Sinks, waste pipes provided	3
Water supply provided or improved	1
Wash Coppers repaired or renewed	1
Ashbins provided	318
Drains cleansed....	33
Drains repaired or reconstructed	6
Sanitary Conveniences.	
W.C. cisterns repaired or renewed	4
W.C. basins provided and fixed	1
W.C. supply pipes repaired or renewed	11
W.C. structures repaired	1
Yards paved and drained	1
Yard doors provided and fixed or repaired ...	2
Accumulations removed	4
Bakehouses limewashed	37

NOTICES SERVED.

Notices served			Notices complied with			Notices outstanding		
In-formal	Statu-tory	Total	In-formal	Statu-tory	Total	In-formal	Statu-tory	Total
455	33	488	412	33*	445	43	—	43

*There were also 5 statutory notices which were served in 1939 complied with during the year.

HOUSING.

New houses erected by Private Enterprise	37
Houses erected by the Local Authority	None.

Housing Act, 1936.

Clearance Areas.

The following houses in Chapel Street were demolished during the year—9, 11, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 26, 28, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 56, 58.

Total of 37 houses demolished.

Designated Milks.

Dealers Licences to sell " Tuberculin Tested " Milk	2
,, ,, ,, ,, " Accredited " Milk....	4
,, ,, ,, ,, " Pasteurised " Milk	2
Dealers Bottling Licences to sell " Tuberculin Tested " Milk	3
Dealers Bottling Licences to sell " Accredited " in addition to " Tuberculin Tested " Milk....	1
Supplementary Licences to sell " Tuberculin Tested " Milk	1
Supplementary Licences to sell " Accredited " Milk	2
Supplementary Licences to sell " Pasteurised " Milk	3

Market.

Foodstuffs Condemned.

37 Chickens.	12 lbs. Mushrooms.
84 Rabbits.	1 Stone. Cod Roes.

Other foodstuffs condemned elsewhere—

25 lbs. Bruised Beef.	8½ lbs. Bacon.

The following were damaged as a result of enemy action—

134 lbs. English Beef.	296 lbs. Chilled Beef.
31 lbs. Pork.	

Slaughterhouses.

The following condemnations have taken place at the Slaughterhouses. The Ministry of Food entered into possession of the premises on January 15th, 1940, and the total amount of carcases and organs found upon inspection to be unfit for food will give some idea of the total number of animals slaughtered during the year. During these abnormal times, the premises have had to be used for purposes for which they were never intended.

MEAT CONDEMNED AT SLAUGHTERHOUSES, YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1940.

DESCRIPTION.	DISEASE.																							AMOUNT.	
BOVINES.	Abscesses.	Actinomycosis.	Bone Taint.	Bruising.	Cavernous angeoma	Cirrhosis.	Cysts.	Decomposition.	Dropsy.	Emaciation.	Fatty Degeneration.	Fever.	Fluke.	Immaturity.	Inflammation.	Johne's Disease.	Mammitis.	Nephritis.	Pleurisy.	Pneumonia.	Septicaemia.	Tuberculosis	Tumours.	Uraemia.	TOTAL.	WEIGHT. lbs.
Carcases and Organs									8	9		6		2							16	68		1	110	46,620
Portions of Carcases	1		1	15				1	3						3							44			68	3,391
Heads	3	7		1				1							1							171			184	
Lungs	17						20	1					4		3				3	2		349			399	
Hearts								2							6							34			42	
Livers	47				13	9	1	2			3		512		6							109	1		703	
Spleens								1							12							56			69	
Stomachs	2							1							7	1						30			41	
Intestines	1						1	1							9	1						52			65	
Mesenteries								1							3	1						120			125	
Udders								1							14		48					46			109	
Kidneys	2						1								6			4				12			25	

MEAT CONDEMNED AT SLAUGHTERHOUSES, YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1940.

DESCRIPTION.	DISEASE.											AMOUNT.	
SHEEP.	Abscesses.	Bruising.	Cysts.	Decomposition.	Dropsy.	Emaciation.	Fever.	Fluke.	Inflammation.	Pleurisy.	Pneumonia.	Total	Weight. lbs.
Carcases and Organs		2		15	7	5	2					31	1,120
Portions of Carcases	2	3								4		9	105
Plucks			37					5		3	1	46	
Livers			85					220	1			306	

MEAT CONDEMNED AT SLAUGHTERHOUSES, YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1940.

DESCRIPTION.	DISEASE.																AMOUNT.	
PIGS.	Abscesses.	Bruising.	Cirrhosis.	Cysts.	Decomposition.	Dropsy.	Fever.	Gangrene.	Inflammation.	Mammitis.	Pleurisy.	Pneumonia.	Septicaemia.	Swine Erysipelas.	Tuberculosis.	Tumours.	Total	Weight. lbs.
Carcases & Organs					3	1	3	1					2	2	8		20	2,899
Portions of Carcases	1	9													6	1	17	351
Heads	3														178		181	2,696
Lungs	1			1					2		6	61			114		185	
Livers	1		15	2											76		94	
Stomachs	1								2						74		77	
Intestines	1														8		9	
Mesenteries				2					1						51		54	
Udders	1								3	4					2		10	
Spleens	2								1						28		31	
Kidneys				1											3		4	

The year 1940, has been a strenuous one for the Staff in the Sanitary Department, during which period a valuable official—Mr. Brian Overbury, temporarily left the employ of the Corporation for service with the Friends Ambulance Unit.

I desire to record my appreciation of the loyalty and support afforded me by the two Sanitary Inspectors in the Department.

I am, Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

JAMES E. CRICKMORE,

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

SUMMARY OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS.

Disease	Total number of cases	Cases removed to Hospital	Under 1 yr.	1–2	2–3	3–4	4–5	5–10	10–15	15–20	20–35	35–45	45–65	Over 65
Smallpox	0	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	28	22	—	1	—	1	1	16	2	5	—	2	—	—
Diphtheria ...	21	21	—	1	—	3	—	9	4	2	1	—	1	—
Paratyphoid Fever B.	1	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—
Pneumonia	47	5	5	3	1	4	1	4	—	—	6	8	6	9
Erysipelas	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	1
Cerebro Spinal Fever	4	4	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	110		7	6	1	8	2	30	6	8	10	11	11	10

During 1940 774 (M. 415, F. 359) cases of Measles were notified by Medical Certificate.
78 (M. 36, F. 42) cases of Whooping Cough were notified by Medical Certificate.

TUBERCULOSIS—New Cases and Mortality during 1940.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
Years.	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 to 1.	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—
1 to 5.	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—
5 to 15.	1	—	2	2	—	—	—	—
15 to 25.	6	2	1	1	1	—	1	—
25 to 35.	10	2	1	1	1	2	1	—
35 to 45.	7	3	—	—	1	—	—	—
45 to 55.	3	1	—	—	2	1	—	—
55 to 65.	1	3	1	—	—	—	—	—
65 and upwards.	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
	28	13	6	6	5	3	3	—

I take this opportunity to acknowledge to the Officials of the Health Department, especially to the Chief Sanitary Inspector and the Senior Health Visitor, my indebtedness for their valuable help in assisting me to draw up this Report.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. REID DUNCAN, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,

Medical Officer of Health.